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UNION RE PORTUGAL

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1. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION FROM A PRESS REPRESENTATIVE, THE FRG FONOFF PRESS SPOKESMAN STATED APRIL 7, "THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS FOLLOWED WITH GREAT SYMPATHY AND ATTENTION DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN PORTUGAL SINCE APRIL OF 1974. WE HAVE OBSERVED WITH GRATIFICATION THAT OUR FRIEND AND ALLY PORTUGAL HAS BEEN FOLLOWING A PATH WHICH AIMS TO BRING LONG ABSENT LIBERTY AND DEMOCRACY BACK TO THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE. WE PROCEED FROM THE POSITION THAT PORTUGAL'S POLITICAL LEADERSHIP WILL STICK TO THESE GOALS EVEN AFTER THE COUP ATTEMPT OF MARCH 11. WE HAVE MADE CLEAR THIS WISH AND OUR INTEREST IN THESE DEVELOPMENTS IN AN EXCHANGE OF OPINION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS ON MARCH 21.

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NATURALLY SUCH AN EXCHANGE OF OPINION ALSO TOOK PLACE

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION."

2. THE FRG PRESS SPOKESMAN WAS PUSHED HARD TO GIVE
FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THIS EXCHANGE OF OPINION BUT
REFUSED TO DO SO EXCEPT TO CONFIRM THAT IT TOOK PLACE
"THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS." HE ALSO
REFUSED TO GIVE ANY DETAILS OUT ABOUT HOW THE SOVIET
UNION REACTED TO THE FRG'S APPROACH.
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